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LETTER DATED 11 FEBRUARY 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith, a letter from His Excellency Mr. Ilija Djukic, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, addressed to you.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIC
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

Letter dated 11 February 1993 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am deeply concerned that despite our repeated and urgent warnings, the armed aggression against the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia still persists.

In addition to arguments already presented to the Security Council in the letters of the President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and myself respectively, allow me to draw your attention to new stark examples of acts of armed aggression of the Muslim forces against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

On 9 February 1993, at around 6 p.m., the Muslim forces launched one mortar shell from the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina on the region of Bajina Basta, in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

On 10 February, at around noon, the Muslim forces fired two 105-mm shells from the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina on the town of Mali Zvornik (FRY), killing a girl and seriously injuring two other civilians.

On 10 February 1993, at around 12.10 p.m., the Muslim forces launched a 122-mm grenade from the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina that hit the forest in Banja Koviljaca (FRY).

These acts not only represent repeated flagrant violations of the basic principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law but also exemplify impudent and criminal behaviour directed against a sovereign and peaceful country.

It is with deep regret that I have to note that our extremely serious and timely warnings to the Security Council unfortunately have not been met with an adequate response from this important international forum. That has obviously encouraged the Muslim side in Bosnia and Herzegovina to continue its aggressive activities with a view to provoking the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and embroiling it in the civil and religious war in Bosnia and Herzegovina. That would not only keep us far from peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina but would undoubtedly further spread the flames of war wider in the Balkans. Yugoslavia surely would not want that to happen and I am confident that other countries of the region would not want that either.

To back up those assertions, one only needs to consider the overall conduct of the Muslim side in the peace process, precisely at this crucial phase in New York, to which Yugoslavia has been fully contributing from the very beginning.

Guided by the sincere wish to achieve peace and find a solution to the crisis as urgently as possible in the whole territory of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has desisted from responding adequately to the Muslim aggression. However, it remains to be seen how long it can do so in the future, should the Security Council fail to fulfil its obligation again to take the necessary measures with a view to containing the aggression and undertake punitive measures against the aggressor.

We expect the Security Council to react promptly and adequately.

(Signed) Ilija DJUKIC
Minister for Foreign Affairs of
the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia